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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS OF THE NORTHERN EXTENSION OF THE RIVER RAIL LINE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the River Rail Line has proven to be a valuable transportation asset that enhances economic development along its route; and

WHEREAS, the City Council participates in an interlocal agreement governing extensions of the River Rail Line which enables the City Council to formally select and prioritize future extensions; and

WHEREAS, extension of the River Rail Line to the North would provide a needed transportation asset and encourage economic development beyond 7th Street; and

WHEREAS, extension of the River Rail Line to the North may include repair, reconstruction, or extensive modification of the Main Street viaduct (which is required for long-term use of the viaduct without regard to the River Rail extension) or some alternate method of extending traffic through the rail yard; and

WHEREAS, prior to any financial commitment to a Northern extension of the River Rail, feasibility analysis should be performed to determine the cost, benefit, and reasonable length of the extension, with an ultimate goal of reaching Pershing Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The Mayor is hereby authorized to communicate to the Central Arkansas Transit Authority, and such other entities as may be appropriate, the intent of the City Council North Little Rock to explore a Northern extension of the River Rail Line, to solicit a feasibility analysis of said extension, and to periodically report to City Council upon the progress of the proposal.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:	APPROVED:
	Mayor Patrick H. Hays

SPONSOR:	ATTEST:
Mayor Patrick H. Hays	Diane Whitbey, City Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	

C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b

P.M.

DATE 4-6-10

Diane Whithey, City Clerk and Collector

North Little Rock, Arkansas DATE

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